Camden Conservation Commission Minutes April 20, 2011, Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Karin Rector, Chair; Doug Johnson, Secretary, Vice Chair pro tem; Bob

Gassett;

Nancy Caudle-Johnson, ad-hoc member

Absent: Carla Ferguson

Call to order 7:00 by Chair.

December, January, and March minutes approved as presented.

Mail distributed.

New Business: The chair noted that Nancy Caudle-Johnson has been doing a great job with legal research in order to inform and correct the incorrect marketing of the Tannery property regarding Riverwalk boundaries and acreage. Nancy summarized her efforts to inform the Selectboard of the above, saying the Town should address the boundary line between the Tannery property and the Riverwalk. Pins placed on the land would clearly identify it.

Karin said she thought the local paper provided balanced coverage of the unusual sales approach (the town advertising the property "free" to the right buyer) and the resulting examination of and concern for the Tannery property sales agreement. Both pros and cons were mentioned.

Nancy will undertake finding a firm or person that could render a sketch or stylized image of what a 40' structure placed on the site would look like, in consideration of the scenic views from points in the neighborhood.

Old Business: Nancy confirmed that Sunday, May 22, would be the Arbor Day Celebration, pending Select Board approval. Some native plants, perhaps ironwood, will be planted at the Riverwalk. She will write a press release.

Bob reported that the Riverwalk Coalition met and the grant is not forthcoming, but other projects are being reviewed. Fundraising is a logical next step. Jeff Kuller will see that the dead elm tree is removed. Bob inspected the Bog and it looks good. Another work party to remove invasives should be planned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.